My Climate MATTERS bill, which I introduced last year and will reintroduce, was a focus of a Ways and Means Committee hearing. My bill, H.R. 6316, will create a cap-and-trade system to cut greenhouse gas pollution. Instead of massive public giveaways of "pollute free" cards, Climate MATTERS would auction allowances and apply the resulting revenues to offset the impacts of climate change, including the creation of a "Healthy Families Fund" to address the health care challenges that plague so many American families and American businesses.

My cap-and-trade bill is also a cap and invest bill, investing auction revenue in America - in our infrastructure, in our industry and universities with efficient, clean energy research and development, and in our workforce. Click here for my opening remarks. Later on, I had the privilege of chairing this hearing and asked about how our inaction on climate change is sending high-tech, clean energy jobs overseas. Click he

for this additional video.